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Dear Col. Quintana:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-7 and 8 - Limited Training Exercise on State Land
At Ilio Point (U.S. Army)
Ilio Point, Kaluakoi, Molokai
TMK: 5-1-02: 06**

Thank you for your letter of August 7, 2003, concerning a limited training exercise to be conducted on state land at and near the former Loran Coast Guard Station at Ilio Point, Molokai. The exercise, conducted by the 25th Aviation Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, involves helicopter landings in three specified locations at which approximately 100 personnel will conduct the planned maneuvers. It will take place on August 19 and 20, 2003 and last approximately two hours each day. Because the area was previously used as a firing range, an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team will conduct a surface survey on August 13, 2003 to ensure the absence of live ordinance in the proposed training areas.

Our records concerning the presence of historic properties in the proposed training areas are in basic agreement with that stated in your letter. There are two historic properties located west of the proposed training areas along the cliffs. One is a fishing shrine (Site 50-60-01-33) and the other is a rockshelter (Site 50-60-01-34). The abandoned Coast Guard buildings which will be part of the exercise were probably built during or shortly after World War II when Loran Stations were being established and are thus probably over 50 years old. The aerial photographs submitted with the application show that the buildings are badly deteriorated and are unlikely to have retained sufficient integrity to be considered a historic property. There is also a possibility of buried cultural deposits or human burials being present in areas with deeper sand or soil deposits given the known uses of this area in the past.

We concur with your determination of "no historic properties affected." We believe the project is unlikely to have an adverse effect on any historic properties. The two documented sites are outside the area designated for maneuvers. Use of the abandoned buildings will not cause any additional damage to the interior or exterior of these already deteriorated structures. It is also unlikely that buried deposits or human burials will be disturbed because the training exercises do not involve any excavation and only minimal ground disturbance. Wash from the helicopter

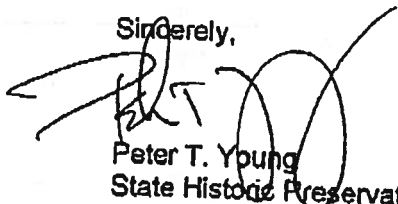
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blades will probably not expose any buried deposits because it is unlikely to exceed that of the strong gusts or sustained winds that routinely buffet the area. The ground surfaces surrounding the buildings have also been altered by previous military and Coast Guard use.

As a precautionary measure, however, we ask that personnel in charge of operations be briefed on the location of the known historic sites to ensure their avoidance. We also ask that they not alter or remove any part of the abandoned Coast Guard structures and that any excavation in sand or soil deposits be prohibited.

If you have any questions, please call Sara Collins, the Molokai Archaeologist, at 692-8026 or the Acting Administrator, Holly McEldowney, at 692-8028.

Sincerely,



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